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Re: U.S. Non-Provisional Patent Application  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$120.00 to cover the Petition for Extension of Time fee;
2. Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a);
3. Amendment and Reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.111; and
4. Return postcard.

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